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Smokejumper Obituary

Anderson, Steven Rood (Missoula 1963)

Steve, 77, died July 10, 2017. He attended Northwest Missouri State College and graduated from Peru State College. His eight-yearlong collegiate career was split between helping his father on a farm and smokejumping. In his words smokejumping allowed him to associate with "the hardest working, best men around in any walk of life." Steve jumped at Missoula 1963-67, 69, 70, and at West Yellowstone in 1968. He was an NSA Life Member.

Steve's complete spirit extended into a legendary 30-year basketball coaching and teaching career. His coaching extended from Iowa to South Dakota to New York. He accrued a remarkable record including various conference and state appearances and titles. Steve was inducted into the Interstate 35 Hall of Fame in Iowa and the Sports Hall of Fame in South Dakota.

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